

REMARKS

Claims 2-10, 16-18 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 20 are amended. Claims 1, 11-15 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter.

The present amendment accompanies the RCE filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Prior to continued examination of the subject application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiner Hoang for the courtesy of the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative (hereinafter, "Examiner interview") on November 2, 2005. During the Examiner interview, Applicants' representative described the differences between the claimed invention and U.S. Patent No. 6,366,954 to Traversat et al. No agreement was reached. In view of the comments made by Examiner Hoang during the Examiner interview, Applicants request that each and every limitation of the claimed invention be considered and specific citation to where each claim limitation is found in the prior art be provided.

Applicants have amended claims 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 20 to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the applied art. Applicants submit that claims 2-10, 16-18 and 20 are in condition for allowance over the applied art. Applicants' detailed remarks follow.

Claims 2, 3-9, 16, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 6,366,954 to Traversat et al. (hereafter, *Traversat*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,007 to Mintz (hereafter, *Mintz*). Claims 10 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious over *Traversat* in view of *Mintz* and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,422 to Atkins et al. (hereafter, *Atkins*). Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious over *Traversat* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,652 to Helgeson et al. (hereafter, *Helgeson*).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art." MPEP 2143.03 (emphasis added).

The applied references, applied separately or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all the claim limitations.

Traversat does not disclose or suggest, at least, "dynamically determining persistent attributes associated with an object in response to a request to store the object in a lightweight directory access protocol ("LDAP") repository, wherein...the persistent attributes are a

subset of the attributes,” as recited, among other features, in independent claim 2. Support for these claim elements can be found in the specification at page 3, beginning at line 15 and page 12, beginning at line 23. The cited sections of *Traversat* including col. 4, lines 25-37, col. 12, and col. 6, lines 15-30 do not teach or suggest these claimed features. The cited sections in cols. 4 and 12 describe searching a portion of a *LDAP* server for one or more attributes (emphasis added) and the cited section in col. 6 describes *LDAP* generally (emphasis added). None of these sections, or elsewhere in *Traversat*, teach or suggest dynamically determining persistent attributes associated with an object in response to a request to store the object in a lightweight directory access protocol repository, the dynamically determined persistent attributes being a subset of the attributes, as claimed. Independent claims 16 and 20 include similar features. Therefore, independent claims 2, 16 and 20 are in condition for allowance over the applied art for at least these features. The applied references including *Mintz*, *Atkins* and *Helgeson* fail to overcome those deficiencies of *Traversat* with respect to independent claims 2, 16 and 20 described above.

In addition, the applied references, applied separately or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest, “storing the object in the LDAP repository comprises...populating the LDAP attributes with the one or more persistent attribute values; and passing the LDAP attributes populated with the one or more persistent attribute values to the LDAP repository,” as recited, among other features, in independent claims 2, 16 and 20. Independent claims 2, 16 and 20 are in condition for allowance over the applied art for these additional reasons.

As noted in MPEP 2143.03, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. It is respectfully requested that the Office Action provides specific support in the cited references for each and every claim limitation, or the respective claim be allowed.

For at least the above-stated reasons, independent claims 2, 16 and 20 are in condition for allowance over the applied art.

Claims 3-10 depend from independent claim 2 and claims 17-18 depend from independent claim 16. Therefore, claims 3-10 and 17-18 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above and for the independently patentable features they recite.

CONCLUSION

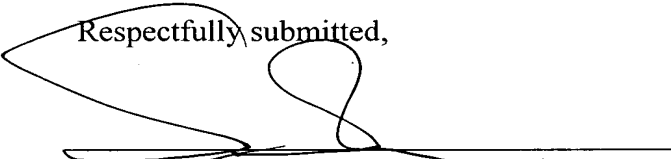
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all of the objections and rejections against this application have been fully addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and a notice of allowance for the application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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